GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – MA&UD Department — Eluru Municipal Corporation – Allegation of committing irregularities in allowing the unauthorized constructions by violation of rules and regulations in Eluru Municipal Corporation, erstwhile West Godavari District - Departmental proceedings initiated against Sri V. Sobhan Babu, the then Town Planning Supervisor, Eluru Municipal Corporation under Rule-20 of A.P. Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 - Inquiry conducted – Charges are proved - Imposing a penalty of " withholding of two (2) annual grade increments with cumulative effect" – Orders – Issued.

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION & URBAN DEVELOPMENT (VIG.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.88 **Dated.24.01.2024.**

Read the following:

1) From the Director General, G.A. (V&E) Department, Vigilance Report No.162(C.No.1262/V&E- D1/07), dated 11.12.2007.
2) GO.Rt.No.78, MA&UD (E1) Dept., dt.20.01.2010.
3) GO.Rt.No.394, MA&UD(E1) Dept., dt.18.03.2013.
4) GO.Rt.No.658, MA&UD(Vig.II) dept., dt.19.09.2017
5) G.O.Rt.No.264, MA&UD (Vig.II) Department, dated.19.03.2018.
6) From the Inquiry Officer, Letter Rc.No.09/2020/CPPeshi/Enquiry, dated 23.05.2020.
7) Govt.Memo.No.3717/Vig.I.-2/2008, dated 04.05.2021.
8) Written representation of Sri V. Sobhan Babu, the then Town Planning Supervisor, Eluru Municipal Corporation ,dated.09.02.2022.
9) G.O.MS.No.124, GA (SER.A) Dept., dt.04.12.2023.

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O R D E R:-

Based on the recommendations of Director General, Vigilance & Enforcement Department made in the reference 1st read above, Government initiated disciplinary proceedings by framing articles of charges under Rule – 20 of A.P.C.S (CC&A) Rules, 1991 on the allegations of committing irregularities in allowing the unauthorized constructions by violation of rules and regulations in Eluru Municipal Corporation, erstwhile West Godavari District against Sri V. Sobhan Babu, the then Town Planning Supervisor, Eluru Municipal Corporation, vide reference 2nd read above.

2. After following the due procedure, Government appointed Sri. S.Bala Krishna, Chief City Planner, GVMC., Visakhapatnam, as an Inquiry Officer in the matter vide reference 4th read above. Subsequently, Government appointed Sri B.Balaji, Zonal Joint Director, APCRDA, and later Smt.R.J.Vidyullatha, Chief City Planner, Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation, Visakhapatnam was appointed as an Inquiry Officer to conduct Inquiry into the charges framed against the charged officers in the references 5th and 6th read above respectively.

(P.T.O).

3. The Inquiry Officer conducted inquiry and submitted the Inquiry Report, vide 6th read above and held that all the (4) charges framed against the charged officer Sri V. Sobhan Babu, the then Town Planning Supervisor, Eluru Municipal Corporation are held proved.

4. Government after careful examination of the Inquiry Report, submitted by the Inquiry Officer, have accepted the findings of Inquiry Officer.

5. In the reference 7th read above, a copy of inquiry report was communicated to the charged officer, among others, with a direction to submit his written representation, if any, on the findings of the Inquiry Officer to the Government, in terms of Rule 21 (2) of APCS (CCA) Rules, 1991 and the charged officer Sri V. Sobhan Babu, the then Town Planning Supervisor, Eluru Municipal Corporation submitted his written representation vide reference 8th read above and no new points were raised for consideration.

6. Government after careful examination of the matter and keeping in view of the findings of Inquiry Authority and also written representation of the C.O. , have decided to impose a penalty of " withholding of two (2) annual grade increments with cumulative effect" against the charged officer Sri V. Sobhan Babu, the then Town Planning Supervisor, Eluru Municipal Corporation, as all the (4) charges framed against him are held proved and no new points were raised for consideration.

7. Accordingly, the Government hereby impose a penalty of " withholding of two (2) annual grade increments with cumulative effect" against Sri V. Sobhan Babu, the then Town Planning Supervisor, Eluru Municipal Corporation, since he had not initiated action during his tenure for removal and also mere regularization cannot absolve the officers from the charges.

8. The Director of Town & Country Planning, A.P., Mangalagiri shall take necessary further action in the matter accordingly.

9. The receipt of the G.O., shall be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Y. SRILAKSHMI
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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Eluru Municipal Corporation - **through** the DTCP, A.P., Mangalagiri.
The Director of Town & Country Planning, A.P., Mangalagiri.
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The Director General, G.A. (V&E) Department, A.P., Vijayawada.
The Secretary to A.P. Vigilance Commission, 5th Block, A.P. Secretariat.
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SECTION OFFICER.